

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18 are pending in the application. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 4, which was previously cancelled. Support for the amendment can be found in original Claims 1 and 4 and at page 3, lines 1-5 of the specification. Applicants appreciate the Examiner entering the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 dated August 15, 2003. Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-3 and 5-10 and indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 15.


In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 11, 12, 14, and 16-18 were not allowed because Claim 11 was not similarly amended to claim 1. By way of this Amendment, Applicants have amended Claim 11 to include the limitation that the hydrocarbon in the thermoplastic molding composition contains hydrogenated isoprene units as recited in Claim 1.

Applicants assert that Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18 are now in form for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18 are respectfully requested.

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